

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

December 7, 2012

We have received the Notice to Proceed for the US 27 landscaping project from the Department of Transportation. We received quotes for the landscape material (Royal Palms, Alexander Palms, Oleanders and Junipers) and the low quote came from Service Lawn & Landscape. We will start on this project as soon as feasible, but we have until March 31, 2013 to complete.

If you haven't been to the Clewiston Public Library lately, please visit them and admire their beautiful Christmas decorations and their book selections. Thanks to the Green Thumb Garden Club for using their many talents and decorating the library.

City staff is always available to help citizens with problems or complaints. Please feel free to call any member of the City staff for help or direction. If you aren't sure who to call, call City Hall at 863-983-1484 and we will guide you to the proper person.

Dates to Remember:

December 11, 2012	Hendry County State Legislative Delegation Meeting - LaBelle
December 13, 2012	Commission Workshop
December 17, 2012	Commission Meeting
December 24 & 25, 2012	City Offices Closed

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Site plans have been submitted for the All Juice facility, a 7,219 square foot juice factory to be located at 615 Commerce Court and the permit for the site work has been issued.
- The Special Magistrate met on Thursday, November 29th, hearing seven (7) new cases and two (2) lien reduction requests. Three (3) cases were dismissed, having met compliance, three (3) cases were allowed thirty (30) days to achieve compliance and one (1) was tabled.

Golf Course Director Pena reports:

- The 1st Annual Stan Wegscheid Memorial Golf Tournament benefitting "His Vision Our Hands", a non-profit organization based in LaBelle, was this past Saturday. 64 players and numerous volunteers enjoyed a great day to golf and raise funds for the less fortunate. There are no scheduled events during the 'season' until the Komen in late February.
- With all the scheduled events in the Club for the Christmas season, staff concentrated on sprucing up the front yard. Besides trimming of the landscaped areas, several sprinkler heads were replaced and mulch was spread. In addition, the parking lot islands' sprinkler systems got attention.

- Sand trap edging resumed and is nearly complete. The sand trap renovation project, mainly to move the traps further from the playing surfaces conducted last winter, seems to have been beneficial for the normally rough spots near the greens,
- The course condition continues to be very good for this time of year. Greens were spiked in 2 directions and the height-of-cut was lowered with further lowering with favorable weather expected as early as later this week.
- The Pro Shop is stocked with new releases from Titleist, Foot Joy, Adidas and Taylor Made in time for the holiday season. Many products are discounted to promote sales. Gift certificates are available.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Several reports of vehicle burglary have come in this week. To this point, all have been confined to a small area within the Southwest area of town.
- Officers arrested a suspect for involvement in a shooting which occurred last week. No one was injured in the initial incident.
- Patrol Officers made a very good drug arrest over the weekend. About a third of a pound of marijuana, and a vehicle were confiscated.
- Animal Control is spending some extra time in the Northwest section of town. We have received complaints of an increase of animals at large over there.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 955** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 511** Complaints Investigated
 - 30** Traffic Citations
 - 66** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 16** Criminal Arrests
 - 68** Merchant Escorts
 - 12** Alarms Responded To
 - 3** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Staff is working with the water crews installing a new water line in the alley behind Dixie Fried Chicken. This will complete all utility work needed before the paving project is started.
- The paving contract was sent to Diaz Paving and we are waiting for the executed document, after which we will issue a "Notice to Proceed".
- We are making inspections of equipment and securing all documents required for the mowing contractors to start in January. Contracts will be signed this month.
- The dead Royal Palm in front of the JBA was replaced last week.
- The dead tree in the Trinidad Park was removed and plans are under way to remove another Oak that is becoming a concern.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- All the playing surfaces at Sugarland Sports Complex have been core aerated, treated for invasive weeds with Revolver and Sencor, and fertilized. After the 2nd application of Revolver and Sencor next Monday, the fields will be top dressed.

- Maintenance plans are being developed to core aerate, fertilize, top dress and repair the goalie boxes on the Soccer fields at Sugarland Sports Complex immediately after the completion of AYSO Soccer and the CHS Soccer season the end of January 2013 to get ready for “Rivers Jr. Travel Soccer” that tentatively begins in March and continues through July.
- Ridgewood Park maintenance and cleaning has begun. The equipment and structures will be cleaned and painted and “new” addition(s) to the park will be added.
- Planning and staging of equipment for the “ACFC WinterWonderland” has begun. The event will take place on Dec. 15th at the Sugar Festival Field from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Mark your calendar and we’ll see you there!
- Clewiston Recreation’s “Movie in the Park” has returned and we will be showing “Arthur Christmas” at Sugarland Sports Complex on Dec. 20th at 6:30 p.m. The movie will show on the back of the racquetball court and is “FREE” to the public. Snacks and drinks will be available to purchase. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, wife, kids, boyfriends/girlfriend, significant other, mom & dad, in-laws and grandparents out to the Park for a night of enjoyment! Hope to see you there!
- “New” Program marketing, team sponsorship information and on-line registration for Clewiston Recreation Baseball & Softball has begun. Check our website, watch the newspaper or call the Youth Center at 983-1492 for additional information. Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.